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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:)
Pasika et al.)
Serial No.: 09/724,910)
Filed: November 28, 2000)
For: METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND)
ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE)
FOR EVALUATING BIOLOGICAL)
DATA)

Group Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: Mahatan,

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action that was mailed January 15, 2002.
A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith.
The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims under 35
U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: claims 1-2, 6-13, 19-24, and 28-33;

Group II: claims 3, 6, 14, 15, 25, and 28; and

Group III: claims 4-6, 16-18, and 26-28.

Applicants elect Group II, claims 3, 6, 14, 15, 25, and 28.

The Examiner also required drawing corrections as noted on the Notice of the
Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review. That Notice indicated that the left margins for

Figures 11-14 and 16 were not acceptable. Applicants file herewith a Submission of Formal Drawings along with Figures 11-14 and 16.

Applicants also submit a proposed new Figure 1 with the Submission of Formal Drawings. As shown in red on the enclosed copy, in the proposed new Figure 1, the term "EASYHET ENVELOP" has been changed to "ENVELOPE". Applicants request permission to replace initially-filed Figure 1 with the new Figure 1 that is submitted with the Submission of Formal Drawings.

Applicants also file herewith a Petition for Color Drawings Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2), which includes three copies of Figures 1, 6, 7, 10-13, and 15-17.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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